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Patterson amendment to fund signal at King/US 24 intersection

LANSING – Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, won bipartisan Senate approval for a budget amendment to put traffic lights at King and Telegraph (US 24) in Brownstown Township, due to the extreme danger that currently exists at the intersection.

Patterson urged the legislature not to be penny-wise and pound-foolish in tight budgetary times. “This intersection has a history of avoidable accidents, some fatal. Signalization can make the difference here between life and death,” he said.

Art Wright, Brownstown Twp. supervisor, and Trustee John Cronin, were both thrilled to learn Patterson was working diligently to benefit the Downriver community.

“Senators from urban districts have seen on TV the danger to children there, let alone to adult drivers,” said Sen. Shirley Johnson, Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

Unfortunately, the governor previously vetoed the signalization at this intersection. Sen. Patterson is cautiously optimistic the veto pen will not be used again.

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